

August 18, 2000

The Honorable Gray Davis  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: CAL FED EIR

Governor Davis,

My family has been involved in production agriculture in California for four generations. I am concerned about the future viability of Agriculture given CAL FED's plan to balance the water allocation on the backs of farmers.

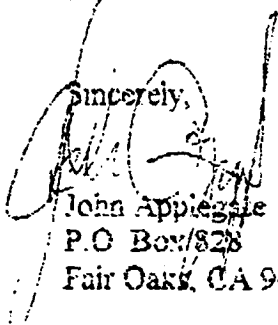
The CAL FED plan states that close to a quarter of a million acres of California's farmland shall be irreversibly impacted. This equates to nearly 400 square miles of farmland, exceeding the total acreage destroyed by fires in California this year.

Our family farms and our cattle graze on several thousand acres in Amador County. We have a wide variety of wildlife habitat that is dependant upon water, which was developed on our property. Farmers and ranchers are the greatest benefactors of wildlife in California

CAL FED needs to recognize that if California's population continues to grow, additional surface water storage shall be critical.

I am writing to ask you to extend the time to read and comment on the final environmental report. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
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